

## What is JILA?



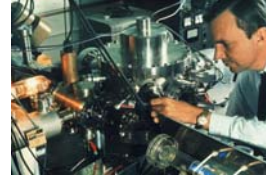
- JILA is a joint research institute between NIST and the University of Colorado
- Physically located on the University campus
- NIST JILA Fellows hold "Adjoint" faculty status at both NIST and CU
- Approximately 250 personnel total including Fellows, Research Associates, students (graduate and undergraduate) and staff



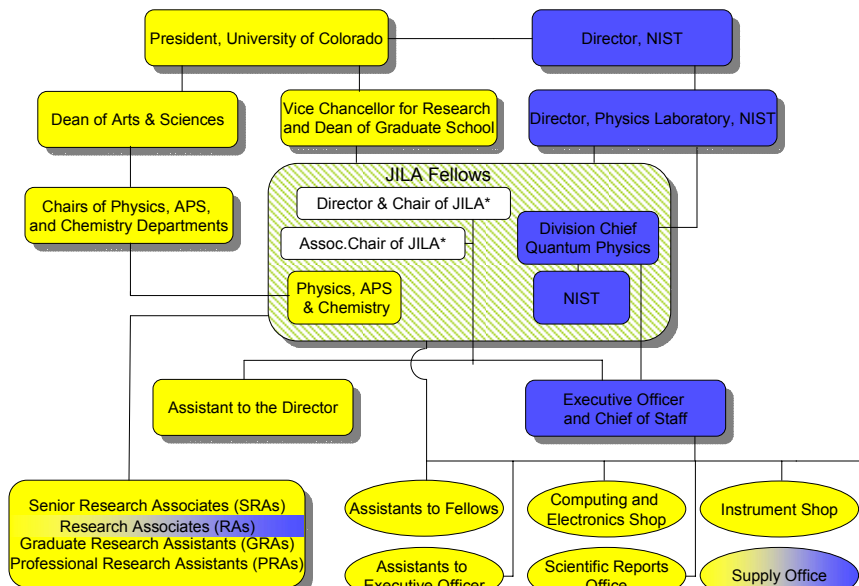
# History



- Founded as the “Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics” in 1962
- Founding group of JILA Fellows led by Lewis Branscomb
- “Laboratory Astrophysics” never quite “jelled”
  - Although both Astrophysicists and laboratory science are still present
- Name changed to just “JILA” in early 1990s (motivated in part by NBS → NIST)
- Today JILA is known as a leading center for
  - Atomic, Molecular and Atomic (AMO) Science
  - Measurement Science

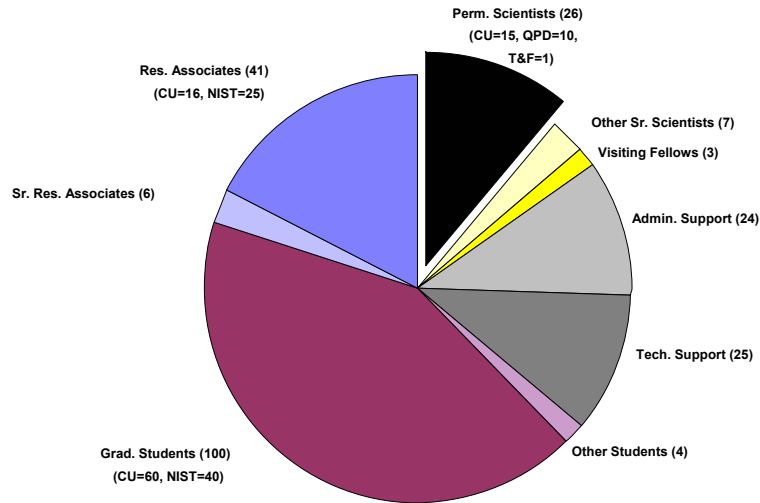


## JILA Organizational Chart



\*Position Elected by JILA Fellows  
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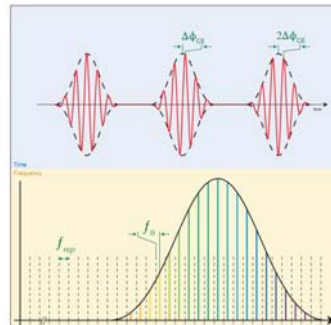
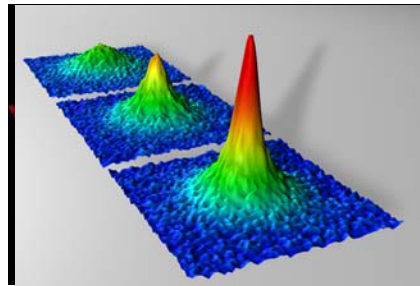
## Staffing



2004 Data

## Strengths

- JILA is leader in the field of cold atoms
  - First Bose-Einstein condensate (1995)
  - First Fermi condensate (2002)
- Control of atoms with light built on measurement science expertise
- Leader in precision optical frequency metrology
  - 1970's speed-of-light → redefinition of meter
  - 2000's optical frequency combs



## Recognition



- 6 JILA Fellows are members of the National Academy of Science
- Many Awards including
  - 2 MacArthur Fellows
  - 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics (Cornell and Wieman)
  - 2005 Nobel Prize in Physics (Hall)



## JILA is a unique training ground for NIST



Barger, Dick  
 Beaty, Earl  
 Bergquist, Jim  
 Branscomb, Lewis  
 Burke, Jim  
 Burnett, Keith  
 Byerly, Rad  
 Callicot, Bert  
 Celotta, Bob  
 Chamberlain, George  
 Claussen, Neil  
 Clement, Tracy  
 Cornell, Eric  
 Corwin, Kristan  
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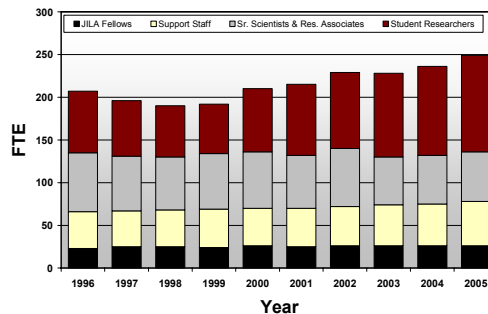
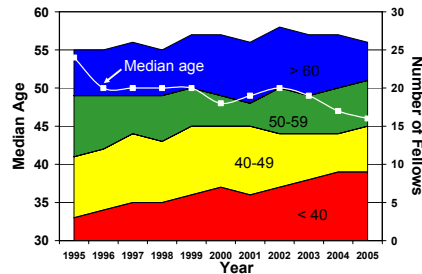
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 Jin, Debbie  
 Jones, Mike  
 Jones, Richard  
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 Levine, Judah  
 Lykke, Keith  
 Magyar, John  
 Mirowski, Elizabeth  
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 Myatt, Chris  
 Nadal, Maria

Nesbitt, David  
 Newbury, Nate  
 Newell, David  
 Norcross, David  
 Oates, Chris  
 Patrick, Heather  
 Plusquellic, David  
 Ramond, Tanya  
 Roberts, Jacob  
 Robinson, Hugh  
 Rumble, John  
 Schlager, John  
 Shwarz, Joshua  
 Silverman, Kevin  
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 Williams, Ed  
 Wood, Chris  
 Ye, Jun

## Renewal



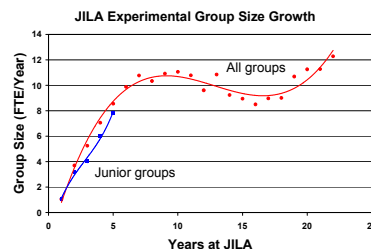
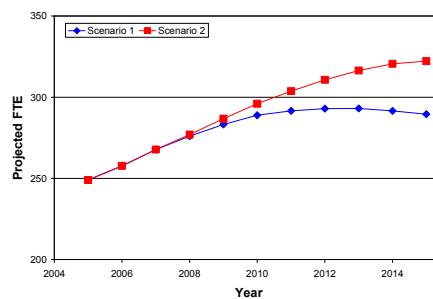
- The founding JILA Fellows have retired over the last decade
  - “Generational” turn over
  - Fellows median age has actually **dropped** by 10 years in last decade
  - Generally recognized that JILA has successfully renewed itself
- Energetic “youngsters” has led to expansion of JILA’s size
  - mainly graduate student population



## Space Crunch



- JILA is currently “full”
- However the “renewal” means there are many young groups
  - Likely to expand
- Predict future increase of 40-70 FTE
  - Based on historical group size trends
- Without an increase in space (quantity and quality), JILA risks losing its best talent



## Proposed Solution

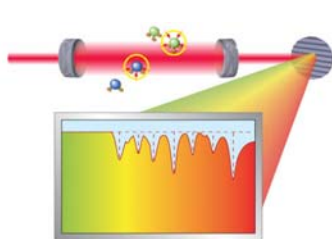
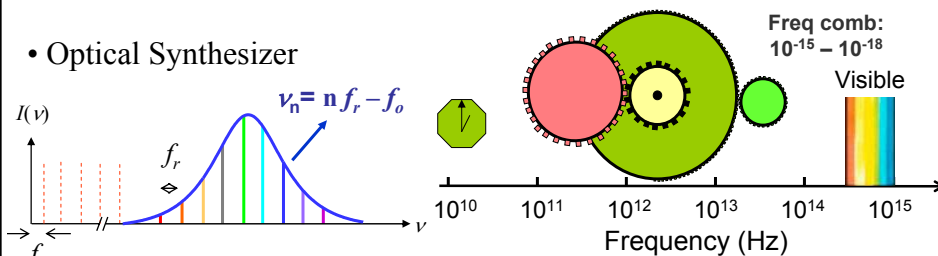


## Tour Preview

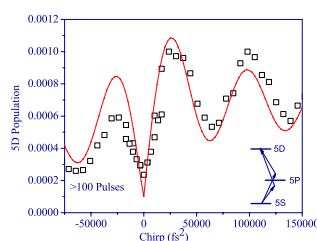
# Frequency comb: state-of-the-art

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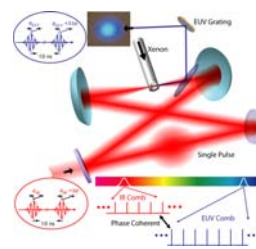
- Optical Synthesizer



Molecular spectroscopy



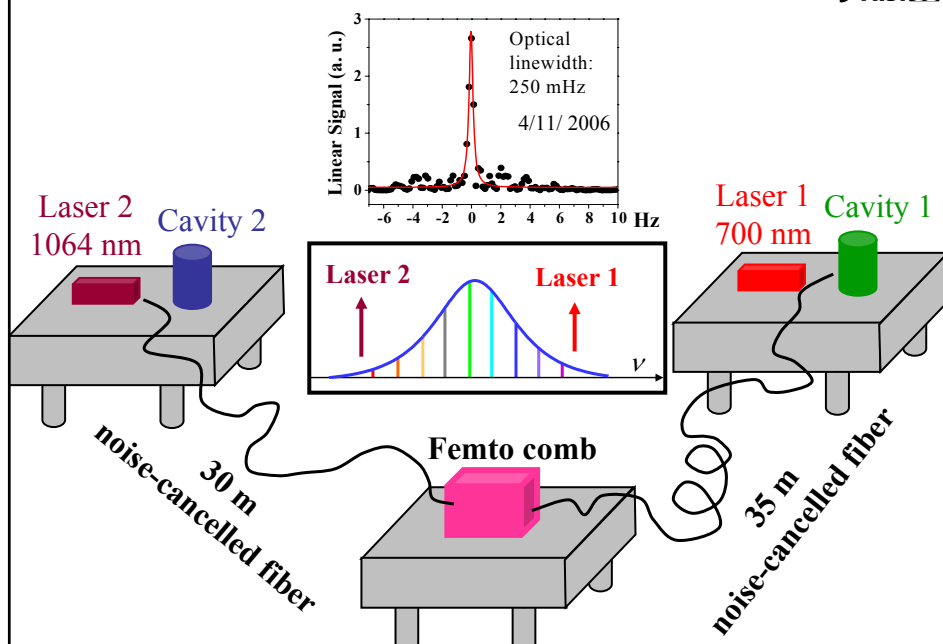
Quantum control



XUV comb

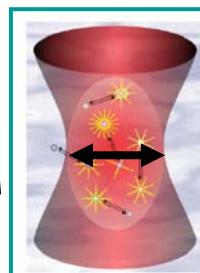
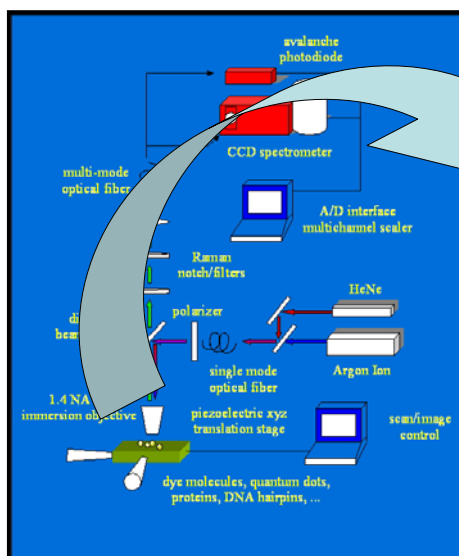
## Optical Frequency/Clock Comparison

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# Confocal Laser Microscopy

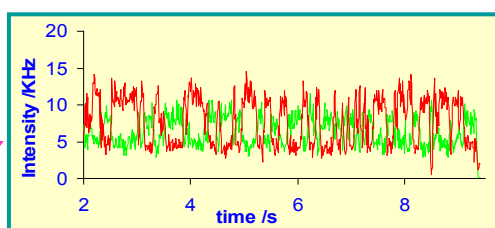
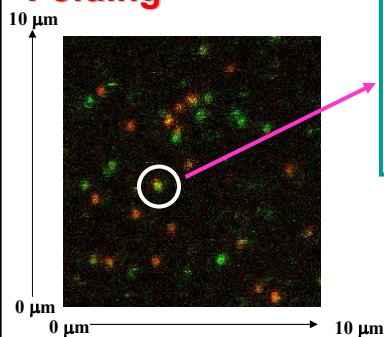


laser focus  
200 nm

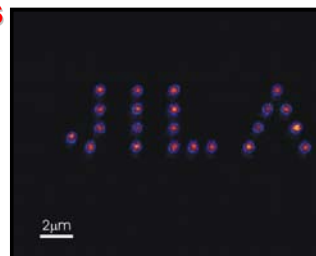
- Focus laser light to the diffraction limit (200 nm with 500 nm light)
- 0.1 *femtoliter* excitation volume
- For  $V = 10^{-16}$  liters and  $[conc] = 10^{-8}$  M, only  $10^{-24}$  moles in volume
- $\Rightarrow$  Fewer than 1 molecule excited at a time

## Applications of Confocal Microscopy

### Single RNA Folding



### Laser writing of metal nanoparticles

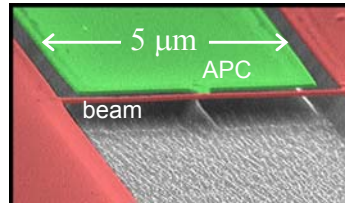




## Atomic Point Contacts

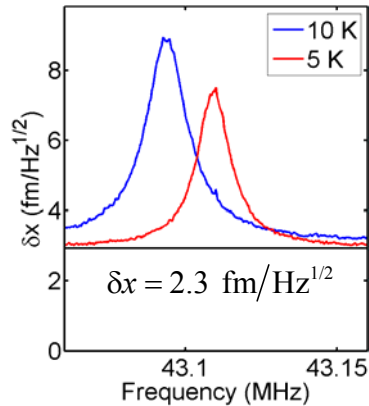
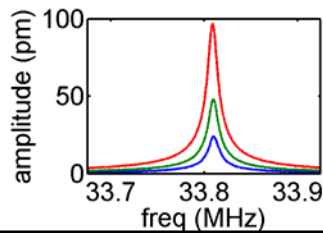
### Sensors of Nanomechanical motion

- Same principle as scanning tunneling microscope
- Exquisite sensitivity to nanomechanical motion
- Implement novel microwave measurement for order of magnitude speed increase



### Actuate Beam with Electrostatic Force

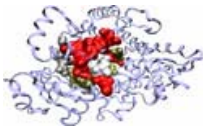
- Suppress *intrinsic* shot-noise of tunneling electrons with active force feedback



## Measuring protein motions with femtosecond lasers



- Dynamics of heme proteins: cytochrome c & FixL



- Ligand binding & motions in CYP450



- Microfluidics for optical spectroscopy